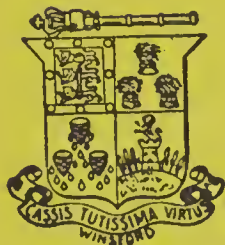


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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WINSFORD



ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1971

by the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and the
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Divisional Medical Officer,
County Offices,
Watling Street,
NORTHWICH,
Cheshire.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WINSFORD

Telephone No:

Northwich 3961

County Offices,
Watling Street,
NORTHWICH,
Cheshire.

September 1972

To: the Chairman and Members of the
Winsford Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The year has been essentially a period of consolidation with further steps being taken towards functional integration of the three branches of the National Health Service preparatory to the major changes envisaged for 1974.

Visits have been paid to group practices to evaluate the attachment of nursing staff to general practitioner groups. There has been an appraisal of the working of such community care teams and where necessary suggestions made towards improving methods of utilising attached nursing staff.

The Social Service Department is now established and links have been forged between the Officers concerned and Health Department staff. Relations between the two departments are close and this is an essential ingredient in providing total community care.

With regard to The Child Health Service preparations were made for the introduction on the 1st January 1972, of the integrated Child Health Screening programme with computer call up for appointments. The Divisional staff are greatly involved with this and preparations went ahead in considerable detail. Several of the part-time and sessional doctors together with general practitioners interested in this aspect of medicine attended County courses at Gately Health Centre and Eastham Clinic respectively to familiarise them with screening techniques.

The parents first introduction to the scheme will be by the health visitor. She will discuss the scheme at her first visit and undertake the first group of tests at six weeks in the clinic or home as is most convenient. Thereafter the tests will be undertaken alternatively by medical officers and nurses who have received special training. The parents will receive a postal invitation to bring their child to the local clinic at 6 months, 9 months, 2 years and 3 years. At 4½ years the child will be invited for a pre-school medical examination as at present.

The computer call up scheme for Cervical Cytology has made steady progress and is gradually being extended. There has been, also, testing of female staff from schools and other departments for their immunity to Rubella. This is an important preventive exercise and women who have no natural immunity to Rubella can now be offered vaccination which gives protection to subsequent unborn children from the adverse effects of German Measles.

In the environmental field I made reference in my last report to the work of the Public Health Inspectors. The bulk of this report deals with a wide variety of environmental health matters which have been dealt with during the year. The surveillance and supervision of communicable diseases cases and contacts continues to demand a considerable portion of their time. This is particularly so during the foreign holiday period which now appears to extend from April until October. The tracing and surveillance of contacts of Cholera from areas in the Mediterranean proved considerable and very time consuming. The trend for continental holidays continues and this in turn is reflected in an increase in the work of the Public Health Inspectors in this important aspect of the control of communicable disease.

My thanks are due to Mr. Rogerson, your Chief Public Health Inspector, and his staff for their loyalty and support, to the Clerk and Chief Officers of the Council for their help and advice and to the Chairman and Members of the Committee for their constant co-operation.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

J.E. O'MALLEY

Medical Officer of Health

Over Hall,
Winsford,
Cheshire.

September 1972

To: the Chairman and Members of the
Winsford Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In association with Mr. O'Malley, the Medical Officer of Health, I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the environmental health of the district for 1971.

Bad housing conditions, a relic of earlier years, are virtually eliminated in the town. Emphasis is now being placed on preserving by improvement houses with an adequate future life. Not only is this economically sound, but it preserves the character of a locality and ensures that the inhabitants are not disrupted by moving to a different part of the town. The first General Improvement Area has been declared and it is hoped that this will precede many more.

The prevention of noise in the environment is becoming increasingly important, particularly industrial noise. Although attempts are made to overcome this problem in the early stages of development, the level of noise emanating from new industrial processes is often difficult to assess. Fortunately, most local industrialists are very co-operative in introducing measures to overcome these problems.

Meat and food inspection continues to demand considerable attention. Considering the large quantity inspected great credit is reflected on the Inspectors for the consistent high standard which has been maintained throughout this year and in previous years.

Similarly, pest control also requires continual attention, and the Public Health Section constantly reviews treatment methods and equipment so that the best and safest service can be given to the public.

In many instances, the plight of old people living alone in difficult circumstances, first comes to the notice of the public health inspectors. A primary visit is always made in these cases, and where necessary the assistance of the neighbourhood social worker is sought. This results in a joint visit being made and any necessary action to assist the person is instigated.

Members of the public health section are constantly endeavouring in their daily work to seek out and muster all possible assistance to old people found to be in need of help or advice.

I would like to express my appreciation to Dr. O'Malley for his help and advice, and to my Deputy, Mr. Lamb, and the other Inspectors for their loyalty and good work during the year.

Yours obediently,

T.H. ROGERSON

Chief Public Health Inspector

TOWN SERVICES COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - Councillor G. C. T. Tomlinson

S T A F F

Medical Officer of Health

J. E. O'MALLEY M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Other Appointments: The Medical Officer of Health is also Medical Officer of Health for Northwich Urban and Rural District Councils, Runcorn Urban and Rural District Councils, Middlewich Urban District Council and Divisional Medical Officer to the Mid-Cheshire and Runcorn Divisions.

Chief Public Health Inspector & Estates Officer

T.H. Rogerson, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Cert. R.S.H. Meat & Other Foods

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

F. Lamb, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Cert. R.S.H. Meat & Other Foods

Senior Public Health
Inspector

R.D. Clarke, M.R.S.H.,
M.A.P.H.I.,
Cert. R.S.H.
Meat & Other Foods

Additional Public Health
Inspector

M. Jobling, M.R.S.H.,
M.A.P.H.I.,
Cert. R.S.H.
Meat & Other Foods.

Authorised Meat Inspectors


B. Porter F. Breeze

Trainee Meat Inspector

J. Malek

Pest Control Operator

J. Williams



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GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS

(1) COMPARATIVE GENERAL STATISTICS - 1970/71

| | Year | |
|---|---------|----------|
| | 1970 | 1971 |
| Population (Estimated Mid-Year) | 23,380 | 24,840 |
| Area (Acres of District) | 7,094 | 7.094 |
| Rateable Value | 868,730 | 983,942 |
| Product of Penny Rate (Actual) | 3,931 | 11,419 * |
| Estimated number of inhabited dwellings | 7.284 | 7,461 |

* NEW CURRENCY

(2) VITAL STATISTICS

| <u>Live Births</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Comparable Figs, for England & Wales</u> |
|---|--------------|----------------|--------------|---|
| Legitimate | 306 | 307 | 613 | |
| Illegitimate | <u>16</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>44</u> | |
| | 322 | 335 | 657 | |
| Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population | | | 26.4 | |
| *Corrected Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (Comparability Factor 0.83) | | | 21.9 | 16.0 |
| Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total | | | 7.0 | |
| | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| <u>Still-Births</u> | 6 | 6 | 12 | |
| <u>Live and Still-Births</u> | 328 | 341 | 669 | |
| Still-Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and Still-Births. | | | 18.0 | 12.0 |
| <u>Deaths of Infants under 1 Year of Age</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| | 13 | 10 | 23 | |
| <u>Infant Mortality Rates</u> | | | | |
| Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 total Live Births | | | 35.0 | 18.0 |
| Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks) per 1,000 total Live Births | | | 26.0 | 12.0 |
| Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week) per 1,000 total Live Births | | | 21.0 | 10.0 |

Infant Mortality RatesComparable Figs.
for England & Wales

Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still-Births and deaths
under one week combined per 1,000 total Live
and Still-Births)

39.0

22.0

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

NIL

| <u>Deaths</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|

All causes

119

110

229

Death Rate per 1,000 population

9.2

*Corrected Death Rate per 1,000

population (Comparability Factor 1.66)

15.3

11.6

*NOTE: The corrected birth rates are those which are obtained when the crude local rates are adjusted to make allowance for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales and the corresponding adjusted rates for any other area, providing allowance is made for the relatively small population.

| | <u>Causes of Death</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----|---|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. | Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases | - | 1 | 1 |
| 2. | Tuberculosis of Respiratory System | - | 1 | 1 |
| 3. | Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity Etc. | - | 1 | 1 |
| 4. | Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 5. | Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 6. | Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| 7. | Malignant Neoplasm, Breast | - | 5 | 5 |
| 8. | Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus | - | 1 | 1 |
| 9. | Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate | - | 3 | 3 |
| 10. | Other Malignant Neoplasms | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 11. | Diabetes Mellitus | - | 2 | 2 |
| 12. | Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases | 2 | - | 2 |
| 13. | Anaemias | - | 1 | 1 |
| 14. | Meningitis | - | 1 | 1 |
| 15. | Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease | - | 1 | 1 |
| 16. | Hypertensive Disease | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 17. | Ischaemic Heart Disease | 27 | 10 | 37 |
| 18. | Other Forms of Heart Disease | 10 | 9 | 19 |
| 19. | Cerebrovascular Disease | 15 | 31 | 46 |
| 20. | Other Diseases of Circulatory System | 3 | 7 | 10 |
| 21. | Pneumonia | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| 22. | Bronchitis and Emphysema | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| 23. | Other Diseases of Respiratory System | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 24. | Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia | 1 | 1 | 2 |

| <u>Causes of Death</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 25. Other Diseases of Digestive System | - | 3 | 3 |
| 26. Hyperplasia of Prostate | 1 | - | 1 |
| 27. Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 28. Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System | - | 3 | 3 |
| 29. Congenital Anomalies | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 30. Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, Etc. | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| 31. Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| 32. Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 33. Motor Vehicle Accidents | 4 | - | 4 |
| 34. All Other Accidents | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| 35. All Other External Causes | - | 1 | 1 |
| | <u>119</u> | <u>110</u> | <u>229</u> |

S E C T I O N I I

HEALTH SERVICES

(1) Information concerning the statutory and voluntary Health and Welfare Services in the area may be obtained from the Divisional Medical Office, County Offices, Watling Street, Northwich. Telephone number Northwich 3961.

(2) HOSPITAL FACILITIES

The Winsford Urban District lies within the area of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board, whose offices are at Cheetwood Road, Manchester 8.

(3) GENERAL PRACTITIONER SERVICES

The District lies within the area of the Cheshire Executive Council whose offices are at 28 Nicholas Street, Chester. Telephone number - Chester 23158.

(4) AMBULANCE SERVICE

The ambulance service is provided by the County Council and is under radio control from Central Control at County Hall, Chester. All 999 calls made by members of the public are immediately connected to this central control. The arrangement for non-urgent calls is that the patient or general practitioner should ring the Northwich Depot - Telephone Number - Northwich 3355.

S E C T I O N I I I

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948-1951

Sections 47 and 50

It was necessary to undertake the burial of one male at public expense.

S E C T I O N I V

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following are the infectious diseases notified for the year 1970 and 1971.

| DISEASE | Cases Notified | |
|----------------------------|----------------|------|
| | 1970 | 1971 |
| Measles | 206 | 7 |
| Infectious Hepatitis | 18 | 3 |
| Food Poisoning | 3 | - |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | 4 | - |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis | - | 1 |
| Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis | - | 1 |

S E C T I O N V

TOWN DEVELOPMENT

There has been steady progress in development during the year with greater emphasis on the provision of amenities and private house building.

Housing

Only 37 Council houses were completed on Mount Pleasant Estate, but this estate is nearing completion and no further housing of this type is programmed for the future. Since town development began in 1961 completions total 3,189 houses.

At the close of the year two disabled persons bungalows were under construction, and a scheme was being prepared for a small estate of bungalows in the Bakers Lane area to rehouse persons displaced by the High Street improvement.

In the private ownership sector 142 houses were completed, and a further 333 were under construction at the year end. Most of these houses are being erected on land within the Planning Brief Area. This land had been previously acquired by the Council and sold off to speculative builders. The last housing site in this area, adjacent to St. John's Estate, is also to be developed for private housing. This will provide about 130 houses, and development should commence during 1972. The next area for private house development will be Area 14 off Swanlow Lane, and this will provide a net area of about 60 acres.

The first General Improvement Area at Princess Street was declared and work involved in Traffic Orders was commenced. This area involves 74 houses, mostly in terraces and many already improved with Grants. The environmental improvements to the street will do much to enhance conditions in that area. This will be a forerunner to the Dean Street/ Geneva Road area which will be started after the A54 Improvement has been carried out.

Social Amenities

During the year under review a considerable advance was made in the provision of amenities which had lagged behind during the earlier years of town development.

The Mount Pleasant Shopping Sub-centre was completed. This provided a Super-market, four shops and a dental surgery. The market in the town centre was enlarged to 76 stalls, and the Marina on Winsford Flashes was opened. Work also commenced on many other needy amenities including phase 2 of the Town Centre; an indoor swimming bath comprising a 25 metre pool and a separate learner pool; the Wharton Sports Complex which will provide 2 all weather pitches, 1 grass pitch and a pavilion; and Knights' Grange Park - an outdoor recreational and sports area of 155 acres. In addition, further childrens play areas on estates were provided.

The County Council also commenced work on the erection of the Town Centre Health Centre and the Fire Station and Ambulance Depot, and jointly with this Council started the Old People's Centre which will provide a central recreational amenity badly needed in the town. The restoration of derelict areas continued and these eyesores are now being transformed into attractive garden areas throughout the town.

During the year two further schools were completed, viz., the Woodford Lodge Comprehensive School and the Wharton Infants School, and work had commenced on the Woodford Lodge E.S.N. School.

Industry

Two new factories and six extensions, totalling 109,100 sq. feet were completed on the Council's Industrial Estates. Work also commenced on another new factory and two further extensions, totalling 95,600 sq. feet. In addition, three new factories with a total floor area of 69,560 sq. feet were completed on a private industrial estate.

At the close of the year the factories built by the Council were providing employment for 5,426 persons.

SECTION VI

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Statement of Inspection made and Notices issued

| Nature of Inspections made | Numbers | Number of Notices Served | | Results of Service of Notices | |
|---|---------|--------------------------|----------|---|---|
| | | Statutory | Informal | Notices Remaining complied in hand with | |
| 1. Dwelling-house (General) | 864 | 6 | 25 | 30 | 1 |
| 2. Overcrowding | 4 | - | 2 | 2 | - |
| 3. Tents, Sheds, Caravans | 11 | - | 6 | 6 | - |
| 4. Septic Tanks, W.C.'s | 23 | 3 | 2 | 5 | - |
| 5. House Drainage | 22 | 3 | 9 | 12 | - |
| 6. Ditches, Water Courses etc. | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| 7. Offensive Accumulations | 4 | - | 3 | 3 | - |
| 8. Keeping of Animals | 3 | - | 2 | 2 | - |
| 9. Offensive Trades | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| 10. Private Slaughterhouses | 1443 | - | 5 | 5 | - |
| 11. Premises where food is produced or sold. | 189 | - | 27 | 27 | - |
| 12. Dairies | - | - | - | - | - |
| 13. Factories and other premises under the Act. | 111 | - | 3 | 3 | - |
| 14. Places of Amusement | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15. Filthy or verminous premises | 342 | - | 12 | 10 | 2 |
| 16. Water Supply | 8 | - | - | - | - |
| 17. Infectious diseases | 167 | - | - | - | - |
| 18. Sampling:- | | | | | |
| Ice-Cream | 8 | - | - | - | - |
| Water (including sewer water) | 15 | - | - | - | - |
| Other foods | 3 | - | - | - | - |
| 19. Hairdressers and Barbers | 5 | - | - | - | - |
| 20. Atmospheric Pollution | 148 | - | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| 21. Markets | 2 | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| 22. Disinfestation (Rodent and insect). | 1495 | - | 5 | 5 | - |
| 23. Noise Abatement | 5 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 24. O.S.R.P. Act | 151 | - | 15 | 15 | - |
| 25. Miscellaneous | 40 | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| 26. Pet Shops | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 27. Interviews | 225 | - | - | - | - |

WATER SUPPLY:

Supplied by: Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board,
The Grange, Hartford, Northwich.
Telephone No. Northwich 74263

Quantity: Satisfactory

Quality: Satisfactory

Plumbo-Solvent Action: None

Lead determination after
6 hour contact: Less than 0.05 parts per million

P.H. Value: 7.5

No. of dwellings via mains
to taps: 7,460

Dwellings served by standpipes: NIL

* Dwellings served by shallow well: 1

No. of samples of water taken during
the year:
(Bacteriological)

| | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| By W.U.D.C. | 8 | 1 * |
| By Water Board | 62 | - |

* A follow-up sample proved to be
satisfactory.

No. of samples of water taken during
the year:
(Chemical)

| | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| By W.U.D.C. | 1 | - |

* These occupiers have been advised to boil all water before us, as bacteriologically
it is unsatisfactory.

Refuse Collection and disposal under
direction of: L.E. Wakefield, C.Eng., F.I.Mun.E.,
Engineer and Surveyor,
Over Hall, WINSFORD.

Cycle of Collection: Weekly

Refuse Tip: Wades Lane, Bradford Road.

No. of Vehicles Operated: 3

Weekly average of
Premises collected:

10,428 bins collected
34 large bins from shop premises.

No. of Cesspools and
Septics Tanks Emptied:

11 Cesspools)
8 Pails) Weekly

48 Septic Tanks (twice weekly)

The Council continues to operate a free collection service for large domestic articles which may otherwise be indiscriminately dumped by the owners. Concern is rising at the rate at which the existing refuse tip is being filled and to alleviate this, some further tipping took place on the old tip site at Rilshaw Lane up to April 1971.

In 1971, 47 abandoned cars were collected and disposed of:

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Sewage Works:

Wades Lane, Bradford Road.

Under Direction of:

L.E. Wakefield, C.Eng., F.I. Mun.E.,
Engineer and Surveyor,
Over Hall, Winsford.

Sewage Works Manager:

D.S. Gilligan

Telephone No:

Winsford 3396

Approximately two thirds of the flow treated at the works is pumped by at least one of the Town's five pumping stations. Two of the pumping stations have twin rising mains which have given some trouble during the year due to bursts and in particular the one pipe of the twin mains serving the Woodford Lane pumping station continues to give difficulties.

The Council also runs three small Sewage Disposal Works at Whitegate, Meadow Bank and Clive. In the case of the Clive Works, the deteriorating condition of the installation has brought forward the need for a scheme to be prepared for its replacement. This scheme is now in active preparation.

Plant Performance for the year ended 31st December, 1971

Sewage Treatment

Total Rainfall (inches) 27.915

Average Daily Flow (million gallons) 1,393

Average Daily Volume of Trade
Effluent (gallons) 500,000+

Sludge Dewatering and Disposal

Sludge Applied to Drying Beds
(gal/year) 2,496,000

Dry Solids Applied to Drying Beds
(lb./year) 1,330,368

Loading on Drying₂ Beds
(lb.dry solids/yd² year) 246.3

SWIMMING POOLS

New Swimming Baths

During the year the Council authorised a scheme to be prepared for a new indoor swimming baths to be erected on the land to the South of the Town Centre. The preliminary siteworks have been carried out to give access to the site off Dene Drive.

Verdin Open Air Swimming Pool

Location: Rilshaw Lane, Winsford.

Under Direction of: L.E. Wakefield, C.Eng., F.I.Mun.E
Engineer and Surveyor.

| | | | |
|----------------------------|------|---|--------|
| <u>Attendance Figures:</u> | 1968 | - | 42,296 |
| | 1969 | - | 52,898 |
| | 1970 | - | 48,594 |
| | 1971 | - | 37,055 |

The Swimming Baths continue to give good service during the short season they are in operation. The decrease in figures of attendance reflect the general weather conditions whilst the Baths were in operation.

4 samples of swimming bath water were taken for bacteriological examination by the Public Health Department - all were satisfactory. The free chlorine content of the water is checked weekly by the Public Health Department.

INSECT CONTROL

INFESTATION

| Year | Ants | Mites | Fleas | Bed Bugs | Beetles | Others | Total |
|------|------|-------|-------|----------|---------|--------|-------|
| 1965 | 42 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 18 | 87 |
| 1966 | 31 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 24 | 71 |
| 1967 | 41 | 8 | 1 | 21 | 5 | 43 | 119 |
| 1968 | 93 | 1 | 13 | 61 | 7 | 41 | 216 |
| 1969 | 101 | 0 | 5 | 89 | 13 | 31 | 239 |
| 1970 | 88 | 0 | 21 | 11 | 19 | 56 | 195 |
| 1971 | 41 | 0 | 27 | 16 | 31 | 80 | 195 |

27 properties were fumigated after end of tenancy due to the poor state of cleanliness found, because although there was no evidence visible of actual infestation this precaution was felt necessary.

RODENT CONTROL

| YEAR | RATS | MICE | TOTAL |
|------|------|------|-------|
| 1967 | 190 | 81 | 271 |
| 1968 | 213 | 162 | 375 |
| 1969 | 137 | 100 | 237 |
| 1970 | 183 | 154 | 337 |
| 1971 | 135 | 164 | 299 |

A quarter of the total number of manholes in the district have been treated for rats.

LICENSED CARAVAN SITES

| SITES | Area (Acres) | No. of Caravans | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | Residential | Recreational |
| 1. 'Ideal' Caravan Site | 2.73 | 26 | 29 |
| 2. Stock Hill | 3.11 | Nil | 45 |
| 3. 'Newbridge' Caravan Site | 1.222 | 10 | 10 |
| 4. Stock Hill, Bottom Flash | 6.62 | Nil | 111 |
| 5. Dock House Caravan Site | 0.87 | Nil | 9 |

REGISTRATIONS:

Hairdressers and Barbers:

Ladies 19
Gents 3

Canal Boats:

Nil

Scrap Metal Dealers:

5

Common Lodging Houses:

Nil

Knackers Yards:

Nil

Offensive Trades:

1

The Winsford Bacon Company is registered under Section 107 of the Public Health Act, 1936, to undertake gut scraping, blood drying and bone boiling.

S E C T I O N VII

SMOKE CONTROL AREAS

| | |
|--|-----------|
| <u>No. of Areas in operation:</u> | 11 |
| <u>Total Acreage:</u> | 708 acres |
| <u>Total No. of Dwellings in above when developed:</u> | 5,348 |
| <u>Total No. Completed at 31st December, 1971:</u> | 3,633 |

Notice has been received from the Department of the Environment that the Secretary of State for the Department had confirmed the Winsford No. 11 (Darnhall) Smoke Control Order 1970, a public local inquiry into was held in December, 1970.

The conversion of 24 properties in the above smoke control area was completed by the operative date of the order, 1st November 1971.

S E C T I O N VIII

HOUSING ACT 1957

| Year | No. of Houses Demolished |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| 1945-1965 | 227 |
| 1966 | 18 |
| 1967 | 16 |
| 1968 | 6 |
| 1969 | 17 |
| 1970 | 7 |
| 1971 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 292 |

| | |
|--|---|
| <u>No. of Houses Closed during the year:</u> | 5 |
|--|---|

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----|
| <u>Improvement Grants approved:</u> | Standard: | 31 |
| | Discretionary: | 19 |

No. of Council
Houses Built:

37

No. of Private
Houses built:

140

Total No. of Council
Owned Dwellings:

4,273

The remaining 35 dwellings on the Mount Pleasant Estate were handed over by the 19th February, 1971 to complete the estate of 750 dwellings.

Two special purpose bungalows for the disabled persons were completed on the Grange Estate and a further two similar dwellings were in the course of construction at Wharton. They are expected to be handed over in the Spring of 1972.

In total, 3,189 new dwellings have been built since Town Development started.

OVERCROWDING

| | No. of Dwellings | No. of Families | No. of Persons |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| (a) The number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year, together with the number of families and the number of persons dwelling therein. | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| (b) The number of new cases of overcrowding reported during 1971. | 5 | 11 | 52 |
| (c) The number of cases of overcrowding relieved and the number of persons concerned in 1971. | 5 | 11 | 52 |
| (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses in respect of which L.A. have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding have again become overcrowded. | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| (e) Any other particulars with respect to conditions in relation to overcrowding upon which the M.O.H. may consider desirable to report or which the secretary may from time to time require. | Nil | Nil | Nil |

COUNCIL HOUSING

188 Tenants were transferred to alternative accommodation and 35 mutual exchanges of tenancy were authorised.

Allocation of Tenancies

| | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Local domestic cases | 177 |
| A54 Improvement | 15 |
| Slum Clearance | 6 |
| Others outside Winsford | 124 |
| Manchester Overspill | 13 |
| Merseyside Development Area | 290 |
| Other Industrial Nominations | 54 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 679 |
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HOUSING WAITING LIST

On the Housing Waiting List, 51 of the applicants are over 60 years of age and 419 new applications were received during the year. A breakdown of the Housing Waiting List is as follows:-

| | |
|--|-------|
| Applicants without separate accommodation (Lodgers) | 38 |
| Applicants with separate accommodation (Tenants, Owner/Occupier) | 42 |
| Applicants living outside the Council's district | 86 |
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| | 166 |
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S E C T I O N I X

FACTORIES

There are 139 registered factories in the area engaged in the industries detailed below:-

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Auto-engineering | 17 |
| Bakeries | 7 |
| Builders | 4 |
| Clothing | 14 |
| Electro-plating | -- |
| Engineering | 16 |
| Electrical Engineering | 5 |
| Foundries | 2 |
| Corn Mills | 1 |
| Additives to Animal Feeding Stuffs | 1 |
| Plastic Coating | 2 |
| Slaughterhouses | 4 |
| Salt Works | 3 |
| Tent Makers | 1 |
| Dairies | 1 |
| Leather Goods and Components | 3 |
| Miscellaneous | 24 |
| Works of Engineering Construction | 10 |
| Litho Printers | 1 |
| Laundry | 1 |
| Tyre Repairs | 3 |
| Light Woodwork and Assembly | 1 |
| Concrete | 3 |
| Paper Conversion | 3 |
| Building Construction | 6 |
| Joinery | 3 |
| Food Manufacturing | 1 |
| Stone Mason | 1 |
| Gas Works | 1 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 139 |
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OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

| Nature of Work (1) | Section 133 | | Section 134 | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c) (2) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3) | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4) | No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises (5) | Notices served (6) | Prosecutions (7) |
| Wearing apparel) Making etc.,) Cleaning) and) Washing | 34 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | | | |

FACTORIES INSPECTION

(1) Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

| Premises | No. on Register | No. of Inspections | No. of | |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | | Written Notices | Occupiers Prosecuted |
| (i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authority | 11 | 9 | - | - |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 116 | 96 | 3 | - |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 12 | 6 | - | - |
| TOTALS | 139 | 111 | 3 | - |

FACTORY INSPECTION

(2) Cases in which defects were found:-

| Particulars | Number of cases which defects were found | | | | No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|---|---|----------|----------------------|----------------------|---|
| | Found | Remedied | Referred | | |
| | | | To H.M. Inspector | By H.M. Inspector | |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding (S.2) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temp. (S.3) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate Ventilation (S.4) | 3 | 3 | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary conveniences (S.7) | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | 2 | 2 | - | - | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outworkers) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Totals | 5 | 5 | - | - | - |

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following table covers the period 12th January to 31st December 1971:-

Table A

Registrations and General Inspections

| | No. of premises registered during year | No. of premises registered at end of year | No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection. |
|---|---|---|--|
| Offices | 3 | 52 | 36 |
| Retail Shops | 1 | 105 | 105 |
| Wholesale shops and Warehouses | - | 5 | 5 |
| Catering establishments open to the public | - | 4 | 4 |
| Fuel storage depots | - | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | 4 | 167 | 151 |

Table B

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered premises 169

Table C

Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises

| Class of Workplace | Number of persons employed |
|---|----------------------------|
| Offices | 404 |
| Retail Shops | 454 |
| Wholesale departments, Warehouses | 122 |
| Catering establishments open to the public | 35 |
| Canteens | 18 |
| Fuel storage depots | 1 |
| TOTAL | 1034 |
| TOTAL MALES | 442 |
| TOTAL FEMALES | 592 |

SECTION X

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Due to the increased passage of sealed containers through the Country's major shipping ports more time has been spent this year on container inspection. In Winsford this entails the inspection of tinned foods only.

With regard to food premises, the Public Health Inspectorate has concentrated mainly on the inspection of canteens and premises which prepare, sell or manufacture foods which are most likely to give rise to food poisoning.

This year has also seen an increase in the number of mobile shops operating within the district and this has resulted in a greater number of spot checks and inspections - some with a view to registration.

Time has also been spent advising on fittings and finishes to be incorporated in the new food premises which are to be built in the second phase of the Town Centre.

SAMPLING

No. of samples of other foods submitted to the Public Health laboratory for various reasons 3.

| SAMPLING OF ICE-CREAM | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| No. of samples falling into Grade I | 5 |
| No. of samples falling into Grade II | 1 |
| No. of samples falling into Grade III | 2 |
| No. of samples falling into Grade IV | Nil |
| Total No. of samples taken | 8 |

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970

| TYPE | No. of Premises | No. Complying with Reg. 16 | No. to which Reg. 19 applies | No. complying with Reg. 19 |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Licensed Premises | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| Cafes | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Canteens | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Grocery & General Provisions | 69 | 69 | 69 | 69 |
| Greengrocery (Inc. Wet Fish) | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Bakehouses | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Confectioners (i.e. Sweets) | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| Fish, Chips and Pies | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Butchers | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |

MILK SUPPLY

No. of premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations to sell pre-packed milk: 34

| Type of Test | Taken by C.C. | | Taken by U.D.C. | |
|-------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| | Satis. | Unsatis. | Satis. | Unsatis. |
| 1. Methylene Blue | 30 | 4 | - | - |
| 2. Phosphatase | 61 | 8 | - | - |
| 3. Turbidity | 8 | - | - | - |

1. Measures the keeping quality of the milk.
2. Measures the efficiency of the Pasteurisation process.
3. Measures the efficiency of the sterilising process.

MILK SUPPLIES - BRUCELLA ABORTUS

| | Total Submitted | No. Brucella Positive |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Bulk Samples | 8 | - |
| Dealer Samples (Herd Samples) | 26 | 2 |
| Individual Cow Samples | 8 | - |
| TOTAL | 42 | 2 |
| There were at the end of 1971, 3 Dairy herds in the district from which approximately 32 gallons of milk are retailed daily. | | |

| | | Taken by C.C. | | Taken by U.D.C. | |
|------------|----------|---------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | Bulk | Individual | Bulk | Individual |
| Brucella | Negative | 26 | 8 | - | - |
| Brucella | Positive | 2 | - | - | - |
| Tubercular | Negative | 3 | - | - | - |
| Tubercular | Positive | - | - | - | - |
| Penicillin | < 0.05iu | 29 | 20 | - | - |
| Penicillin | > 0.05iu | - | - | - | - |

MEAT INSPECTION

During 1971, 13 bacteriological examinations of borderline carcasses were carried out in the departments own laboratory, resulting in 1 carcass being released for manufacturing purposes, which would otherwise have been condemned.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

Total number of licences to
slaughter animals issued 19

as follows:-

Full Licences 10

To slaughter pigs only 8

Provisional licences Nil

Slaughterhouses:

No. of licenced slaughterhouses
in the district 4

| | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Pigs |
|--|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Number killed | 343 | - | 1070 | 82,194 |
| Number inspected | 343 | - | 1070 | 82,194 |
| <u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI</u> | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | 2 | 197 |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 12 | - | 98 | 8,761 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysterici | 3.50% | - | 9.35% | 10.90% |
| <u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u> | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | 942 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis. | - | - | - | 1.15% |
| <u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u> | | | | |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 1 | - | - | - |
| Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration. | 1 | - | - | - |
| Generalised and totally condemned | - | - | - | - |

UNFOOD

Total amount of other food
condemned 3,997 lbs. 4 ozs.

No. of food complaints received 15

List of Samples Obtained in the
WINSFORD URBAN DISTRICT
during the year ended 31st December, 1971

| Name of Sample | Number | Number adulterated or not up to the recognised standard or quality. |
|---|--------|---|
| Almonds (ground) | 1 | |
| Apricot preserve | 1 | |
| Baby Food (Vegetable and beef broth) | 1 | |
| Blackcurrant Pastilles | 1 | 1 |
| Blackcurrant Drops with glucose | 1 | |
| Brandy | 1 | |
| Bread (part sliced loaf, part sandwiches) | 1 | 1 |
| Bread (Starch reduced) | 1 | |
| Bread (vitbe) | 1 | |
| Butter | 1 | |
| Calcium Gluconater | 1 | |
| Cake (cream) | 1 | 1 |
| Celery (dried) | 1 | |
| Cheese spread | 1 | |
| Cheese spread (with celery) | 1 | |
| Cherries glaze | 2 | |
| Chicken spread | 1 | |
| Chocolate Sauce | 1 | |
| Crab (dressed) | 1 | |
| Dressing (bread crumbs) | 1 | |
| Gravy Browning | 1 | |
| Hot toast savouries with chicken | 1 | |
| Lemon flavouring | 1 | |
| Lemonade | 1 | |
| Lemon Cheese | 1 | |
| Lemon Juice | 1 | |
| Lemon squash (diabetic) | 1 | |
| Marzipan | 1 | |
| Menthall Eucalyptus inhalant | 1 | |
| Milk | 46 | 3 |
| Milk condensed | 1 | |
| Mincemeat | 1 | |
| Onions dried | 1 | |
| Oxo cubes | 1 | |
| Pears in syrup | 1 | |
| Rice | 1 | 1 |
| Rice pudding (with cream) | 1 | |
| Salt (gravy) | 2 | |
| Sausage Pork | 1 | |
| Spaghetti Hoops | 1 | |
| Tongue | 1 | 1 |
| Treacle | 1 | |
| Tumeric Powdered spices | 1 | |
| Yeast Nutrient | 1 | |
| Total | 91 | 8 |

WINSFORD URBAN DISTRICT

Particulars of samples not up to Standard 1971

| No. | Sample | Result of Analysis | Remarks |
|-----|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 529 | Blackcurrant Pastilles | Ingredients not properly listed. | Manufacturer to amend labelling. |

WINSFORD URBAN DISTRICT

List of complaints received from private purchasers in Winsford U.D.

Year ended 31st December, 1971

| From | Date | Nature | Remarks |
|--------|----------|---|--|
| Master | 14/5/71 | Piece of metal found in sausage. | Due to age of child and his unreliable evidence and the result of the examination of the supplier, no action taken as it was impossible to ascertain exactly where the metal originated. |
| Wife | 1/5/71 | Insect in canned pears | Importers informed, representative inspected them and complainant re-imbursed. No further Action. |
| Wife | 21/7/71 | Tongue contaminated with numerous dead maggots. | No action - insufficient evidence. |
| Wife | 27/7/71 | Cake contained the remains of a large (heat treated) moth deeply embedded in the crumb. | Bakers find £50.25 (total) £25.25 costs). |
| Master | 5/10/71 | Glass in school milk | Bottlers cautioned. |
| Wife | 18/10/71 | Wire in bubble gum | Manufacturers Fined £25.00. |
| Wife | 28/10/71 | Mould in sausages | Complainant not prepared to go to court therefore complaint referred to manufacturers. |
| Wife | 4/10/71 | Milk containing foreign matter. | Bottlers fined £25 plus £6 costs. |
| Wife | 17/11/71 | Bread contained foreign matter consisting of charred dough, mineral oil, iron compounds and vegetable fibres. | Insufficient evidence to substantiate complaint. |
| Wife | 16/7/71 | Bread contained areas of mould. The mould had characteristics of Penicillium. | Bakers Cautioned. |
| Wife | 14/10/71 | Rice contained one live insect having the characteristics of a rice weevil. | Manufacturers Cautioned. |

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